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“So in Christ, we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.” Romans 12:5 (NIV)

“...as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.” Galatians 6:10 (NIV)

I. THE AMAZING GROWTH OF THE FIRST CHURCH

Acts 1:15; 2:41, 47; 4:4; 5:14; 6:1, 7; 21:20

II. WHERE DID THEY PUT ALL THOSE PEOPLE?

“Day after day, in the temple courts and from house to house, they never stopped teaching and proclaiming the good news that Jesus is the Christ.”
Acts 5:42 (NIV)

“Greet also the church that meets at their house.” Romans 16:5 (NIV)

Acts 2:46; 16:40; 20:20; I Corinthians 16:19; Colossians 4:15

Advantages of meeting in homes:

1. It's _____.
2. It's _____.
3. It's _____.
4. It _____.

III. HOW DID THEY CARE FOR SO MANY PEOPLE?

- A NEW TESTAMENT EXAMPLE: ACTS 6:1-7
- AN OLD TESTAMENT EXAMPLE: EXODUS 18:13-26
- A CONTEMPORARY EXAMPLE: SEOUL, KOREA
(The largest church in the world)

IV. WHY SHOULD I PLUG INTO A SMALL GROUP?

4 BENEFITS

1. It will _____.

“Let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds.” Hebrews 10:24 (NIV)

2. I'll _____.

“...you are...fellow citizens with God's people and members of God's household.” Ephesians 2:19 (NIV)

3. I'll _____.

“Share each other's troubles and problems,...” Galatians 6:2 (NLT)

4. I'll _____.

“Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another...” Hebrews 10:25 (NIV)